In the Claims:

The listing of claims below is intended to replace all prior listings of the claims in the present application.

1. (currently amended) A seamed, conformable belt comprising:

a substrate having first and second opposing substantially planar surfaces, a first end, and a second end, wherein the first end and the second end of the substrate form a first seam, and

an elastomeric layer having a first end and a second end, wherein the elastomeric layer is adjacent and in contact with the first surface of the substrate and wherein the first end and the second end of the elastomeric layer form a second, detachable, substantially planar, interlocking puzzle cut seam, the first and second ends of the elastomeric layer interlocking with one another such that the first and second ends are mechanically locked together by the geometric relationship between the first and second ends.

2. (currently amended) The seamed, conformable belt according to claim 1 wherein the first seam ~~and the second, detachable substantially planar seam are~~ is an interlocking puzzle cut ~~seams~~ seam, wherein the first and second ends of the substrate interlock with one another such that the first and second ends are mechanically locked together by the geometric relationship between the first and second ends.

3. (original) The seamed, conformable belt according to claim 2 wherein the interlocking seams include a kerf.

4. (original) The seamed, conformable belt according to claim 2 wherein the interlocking seams comprise nodes of from about 0.6 mm to about 3 mm in diameter.

5. (original) The seamed, conformable belt according to claim 2 wherein the interlocking seams comprise from about 10 to about 20 nodes per inch along the seams.

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6. (original) The seamed, conformable belt according to claim 1 wherein the first seam is bonded.

7. (original) The seamed, conformable belt according to claim 1 wherein the seamed, conformable belt has a modulus of elasticity of from about 75 PSI to about 3000 PSI.

8. (original) The seamed, conformable belt according to claim 1 wherein the seamed, conformable belt has a thickness of from about 0.5 mm to about 5 mm.

9. (original) The seamed, conformable belt according to claim 1 wherein the elastomeric layer has a thickness of from about 0.25 mm to about 4.75 mm.

10-14. (canceled)

15. (currently amended) A method for forming a seamed, conformable belt comprising:

providing a substrate having first and second opposing substantially planar surfaces, a first end, and a second end;

coating the first surface of the substrate with an elastomeric layer having a first end and a second end;

positioning the first end and the second end of the substrate to form a first seam; and

positioning the first end and the second end of the elastomeric layer to form a second, detachable, substantially planar, interlocking puzzle cut seam, the first and second ends of the elastomeric layer interlocking with one another such that the first and second ends are mechanically locked together by the geometric relationship between the first and second ends.

16. (currently amended) The method according to claim 15 wherein the first seam ~~and the second, detachable substantially planar seam are~~ is an interlocking puzzle cut ~~seams~~ seam, wherein the first and second ends of the substrate interlock with one another

such that the first and second ends are mechanically locked together by the geometric relationship between the first and second ends.

17. (original) The method according to claim 16 wherein the interlocking seams include a kerf.

18. (original) The method according to claim 16 wherein the interlocking seams comprise nodes of from about 0.6 mm to about 3 mm in diameter.

19. (original) The method according to claim 16 wherein the interlocking seams comprise from about 10 to about 20 nodes per inch along the seams.

20. (original) The method according to claim 15 wherein the first seam is bonded.

21. (original) The method according to claim 15 wherein the seamed, conformable belt has a modulus of elasticity of from about 75 PSI to about 3000 PSI.

22. (original) The method according to claim 15 wherein the seamed, conformable belt has a thickness of from about 0.5 mm to about 5 mm.

23. (original) The method according to claim 15 wherein the elastomeric layer has a thickness of from about 0.25 mm to about 4.75 mm.